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LINGUISTIC RETRIEVAL SYSTEM AND METHOD

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## COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed December 21, 2006, the following comments are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## <u>REMARKS</u>

Initially, Applicants note that claims 1-39, 55, 57-59, 62, 64-66 and 71-73 have been allowed. This is correctly noted by the Examiner in the documents attached to the Notice of Allowability, wherein on page 2, number 2, the correct claims are indicated as allowable subject matter. However, the Notice of Allowability cover sheet incorrectly lists the allowed claims. Accordingly, correction of the Notice of Allowability cover sheet is respectfully requested.

## The Examiner's Reasons for Allowance

In the Examiner's statement of Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner quotes some language correctly set forth in various independent claims, but then further includes additional language which is not present in the claims. For example, with respect to claims 1 and 27, the

Examiner includes the words "for display." Such language is not present in either one of claims 1 and 27, thus each of the aforementioned claims should not be limited as such. Applicants submit these comments to ensure that independent claims 1 and 27 are not limited in any way by the Examiner's statement of Reasons for Allowance which include the words "for display" which are not present in either of the aforementioned claims.

Further, Applicants submit these comments to clarify that claim 7 is incorrectly identified in the Examiner's statement of Reasons for Allowance. It appears that the Examiner is referencing independent claim 14, and not claim 7. Accordingly, Applicants submit these comments to clarify the record.

Therefore, while Applicants agree that each of independent claims 1, 14, and 27, and all claims dependent thereon, distinguish from the prior art and are allowable over the prior art, each of independent claims 1, 14, and 27 should be interpreted solely based upon the limitations present therein. Thus, these comments are submitted herewith to assure that each of independent claims 1, 14, and 27, and each of the claims dependent thereon, are limited only by the limitations present therein, and are not in any way unduly limited by the Examiner's statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley, Reg. No. 34,313 at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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